

12. (New) The sealing arrangement according to claim 10, wherein the at least one recess includes at least two recesses uniformly distributed around a circumference of the sealing lip.

13. (New) The sealing arrangement according to claim 10, wherein the sealing arrangement is made of a polymeric material.

14. (New) The sealing arrangement according to claim 13, wherein the polymeric material includes PTFE.

15. (New) The sealing arrangement according to claim 10, wherein the sealing lip further includes a recirculating spiral groove on a side of the sealing lip radially facing toward the machine element.

16. (New) A sealing arrangement for forming a seal around a machine element, comprising:

a sealing ring operable to permit flow between an area to be sealed off and a surrounding area if the sealing ring is incorrectly mounted on the machine element.

17. (New) The sealing arrangement according to claim 16, wherein the sealing ring further includes a sealing lip, the sealing ring being operable to permit the flow if the sealing lip is erroneously curved forward in a direction of the surrounding area.

REMARKS

Claims 10-17 have been added. It is respectfully submitted that the new claims do not add new matter and are currently in allowable condition. Thus, claims 1-17 are currently pending in this application. Applicant respectfully traverses all claim rejections in view of the following arguments.